

# City of Colfax RFP for Audit Services – Addendum 1 May 12, 2020

Due to the current shelter-in-place orders due to COVID-19, the City will accept electronic copies of both technical and costs proposals. Please submit to <a href="mailto:city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov">city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov</a>.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Why is the City changing auditors?

The City has established practice of issuing RFP for Audit Services every three years.

2. Will your prior auditor be invited to bid?

Yes, the previous audit firm has been invited to submit a bid.

3. How long has your prior auditor been performing the audit?

Thirteen years.

4. How many auditors were onsite to conduct the audit?

Varies -4-6.

5. How long were the auditors on site?

Generally, two full days of on-site fieldwork.

6. For both interim and year end, how many staff did the audit team consist of in the past and how much time did the auditor spend in the field?

Varies – See questions 4 and 5 above.

7. Are there any changes in services requested in this year's proposal as compared to the prior year? If yes, what are the changes?

There are no changes in requested Audit Services from the previous year – with the exception that a Single audit will be required for current fiscal year.

8. Has there been any turnover in management during the past year?

There has been no change in Management.

9. Has there been any turnover in accounting staff during the past year?

There has been no change in Accounting staff.

10. Has there been any retirement or replacement of key employees?

No.

11. Have there been any changes in your accounting system and/or software in the past year?

There has been no change in IT systems.

### 12. What accounting software do you use?

The City utilizes Fund Balance Software from Tyler Technologies for City Accounting.

#### 13. How many staff members are involved in the financials and who prepares them?

Two – Finance Director and Accounting Technician.

# 14. How many audit adjusting journal entries did you have in the prior fiscal year?

None.

# 15. Were there any significant transactions (bond issuance, leases) during the audit year?

No.

## 16. Were there any significant changes to operations and/or funding sources?

No.

# 17. Were there any significant construction and/or capital projects?

Yes. The City completed a major road construction (Roundabout) project this fiscal year.

# 18. Any management letter comments outstanding from the prior year? If yes, can a copy be provided?

No.

#### 19. Were there any control deficiencies and/or non-compliance in the past year?

No.

#### 20. Was there any known and/or suspected fraud in the past year?

No.

#### 21. Are the FY 2019 financial statements available for review?

A copy of the full audit report for fiscal year 2019 is attached. Please be advised, additional years reports and budget information can be found on the City website at www.colfax-ca.gov.

#### 22. When will a closed trial balance be available for the audit with all closing entries recorded?

Financial records are expected to be available no later than the first week in October 2020.

#### 23. Are there any audits or inspections by regulatory agencies?

No

#### 24. Are financial records available electronically?

Trial balance and General Ledger detail can be downloaded into Excel files.

Prepared by Client (PBC) files can be provided electronically before the start of the audit fieldwork.

#### 25. Do you have the ability to facilitate the audit the audit to be conducted remotely?

The City would prefer some on-site fieldwork

# 26. Is the City planning to issue any new debt?

No

# 27. Are you expecting a single audit in the upcoming years? If so, how many major programs?

We do anticipate a single audit for the current year (fiscal 2020).

28. How much were the total federal expenditures last year?

Approximately \$1,000,000

29. What were the prior year audit fees and can you provide the break down by components?

Fiscal year 2019 Audit Services \$18,460 Annual SCO Report \$2,690

30. Is there anything specific you are looking for with the successor auditors?

Timeliness, responsiveness, and professional guidance.

31. What are things you liked and didn't like about the audit process followed by the previous auditor?

Services have always been more than satisfactory

32. With the current orders surrounding COVID-19, will you accept an electronic version of the technical and cost proposals in place of the required hard copies?

Yes

33. If you will accept electronic proposals, please confirm the type of document you will accept (PDF, Word) and the email address to where the proposal should be sent.

PDF preferred. Email: city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov.